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## CUTS LOCAL BUDGET

Secretary Shaw Reduces the  
District Estimate.

## COMMISSIONERS WILL INSIST

Gross Aggregate of the Expenditure for the Next Fiscal Year Amounts to \$11,598,222, as Trimmed by the Treasury Department—Wants to Keep Within the Revenues.

The Secretary of the Treasury, being unable to indicate the several items of the estimates for the expenses of the government of the District of Columbia in which changes should be made, disappears of the total amount as submitted by the Treasury Department—Wants to Keep Within the Revenues.

The foregoing note at the end of many long columns of estimated District expenditures as set forth in the appropriation budget for 1907, made public yesterday, was cause for several bad hours among District officials. The grand total of the District budget as submitted by Commissioner MacFarland was \$11,598,222. This amount Secretary Shaw cut in gross, without specification of items, to \$11,588,222. The amount appropriated last year for the District was \$9,408,002.

Notwithstanding this action of Secretary Shaw, the commissioners are determined to make every effort to secure the entire amount of the estimates.

According to Secretary Shaw, the reduction is based upon the estimated revenues of the District for that period. While granting that the estimate of the commissioners are just and deserving, the Secretary said yesterday that the action was taken in accordance with the law and that it was for Congress and not the Treasury Department to determine whether the appropriations shall exceed the estimated District revenues.

## MacFarland Protests.

"We shall ask Congress for the full amount of the estimates," said Commissioner MacFarland yesterday. "The District revenues are ample to meet our share. In our letter to the Secretary of the Treasury we showed that there was no need of cutting the estimates, believing that Congress would make the arrangement of our financial relations with the United States which the commissioners have recommended, and which is the business-like way of dealing with this matter. Neither the estimates for the extraordinary improvements, nor those for the current municipal expenses can be cut without detriment to the District's interests. It is unfortunate that a permanent abatement of our financial relations has not been made so that there would be no occasion for any such action as that which seemed necessary to the Secretary of the Treasury upon the face of the estimates."

In a letter of October 26, requesting that no reduction be recommended in the Commissioner's estimates, Commissioner MacFarland said:

"If no extraordinary projects of improvements were being carried on or recommended for the next fiscal year, the amount of the estimates would be far within the probable appropriation fund, which estimate the District's revenues at \$5,720,843 will be \$1,461,806. But in the preparation of the estimates the Commissioners were obliged to recommend for extraordinary projects of improvements \$1,855,807; the items comprising the District Building, \$550,000; high pressure fire protection service, \$750,000; suburban sewers, \$600,000; municipal hospital for chronic cases, \$100,000; railway terminal work, \$50,000.

"Therefore, while the total amount recommended for the current expenditures of the different municipal services and payment to and from the fund of the bonded debt is only \$5,898,106, the aggregate of the estimates for extraordinary projects and the estimates for current expenditures, namely, \$11,743,913 is larger than the appropriation fund."

## The District's Revenues.

The revenues of the District, as estimated by Auditor Garrison, Assistant District Auditor and Collector Davis, are as follows: Real estate taxes, \$4,100,000; Personal, current taxes, \$700,000; Special reimbursable taxes, \$1,250,000; License and interest on taxes, \$35,000; Fees:

Seal of weights and measures, \$6,000; Sums paid to the District, \$10,000; Fish department permit, \$350; Fees:

Justices of the peace, \$20,000; Dog pound, \$400; Inspector of gas and meters, \$1,200; Sewer and gas permits, \$1,500; Water permits, \$1,500; Building permits, \$4,000; Fees, \$4,000; Building permits, \$4,000; Electrical permits, \$1,000; Land and lotting work, \$50,000; Police Court, District of Columbia, fines, \$200; Liquor licenses, \$60,000; Dog taxes, \$20,000; Miscellaneous licenses, \$107,280; Market rents, \$17,000; Star and salt wharves, franchise rental, \$2,000; Rent of wharves, street terminal, and building, \$11,250; Advertising taxes, \$2,500; Street extension assessments and interest on same, \$20,000; Bathing beach receipts, \$400; Sale of old material, \$2,000; Municipal lodging house, \$400; Sale of old houses, \$1,000; Tuition, public schools, \$400; Perfecting of records, \$500; Miscellaneous items, \$500; Surplus fees, recorder of deeds, registrar of wills, sale of old material, and products by District institutions, \$8,000.

Total, \$5,898,222.

Less estimated amount to be deducted from Police Court fines and dog taxes for credit of police and firemen's relief funds, \$9,000.

Total available, \$5,720,843.

## A Civil War Reminiscence.

Editor The Washington Herald:

Referring to an Annapolis dispatch which appeared in The Herald recently, as an eye-witness of the movements of the First Maryland Regiment, U. S. A., I wish to offer the following, by way of elucidating certain statements contained therein:

About the 25th of June, 1862, Gen. Shields was ordered to reinforce Gen. McDowell, at Fredericksburg, Va. The next day his troops were inspected by President Lincoln, Gen. Scott, Gen. McDowell, and Secretary Stanton. At 4 o'clock in the evening, Gen. Shields got a dispatch from the War Department that Banks was hard pressed by Jackson, and to go immediately to his relief. After three days and nights' marching Shields arrived at Front Royal and captured several pieces of artillery and wagon trains that Jackson had captured from Banks. Banks ordered the colonel of the First Regiment to retire, but he disobeyed orders. The First Maryland, Confederates, was in their front. The First Maryland, under Banks, was about to overpower the First Maryland under Jackson. Jackson sent Col. Ashby, of the Eleventh Virginia Cavalry, to the assistance of the First Confederate Maryland Infantry. Gen. Shields sent the detachment of cavalry to the relief of the First Maryland Infantry, capturing some 400 of Jackson's men.

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## WANT SAND ON ICY STREETS.

## Humane Society People Submit Request to Commissioners.

Following action taken by the executive committee of the Washington Humane Society at its regular monthly meeting held in the War Department Building yesterday, a letter will be forwarded to the District Commissioners by President C. A. Shaw asking that sand be spread on the city streets when they become covered with ice, in order that the lives of horses may be protected.

Secretary John P. Heap read the minutes of the last meeting, and a report was submitted showing that during the month of November 130 cases of cruelty to animals had been prosecuted in the local courts and 157 convictions secured. A suggestion made in a letter from Carl Auerbach that the members of the Washington Society use a badge, was referred to the committee on humane education.

## NEW TELEPHONE EXCHANGE.

## Ground Purchased for Mount Pleasant Branch on Columbia Road.

The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company has taken the initial step to establish a branch exchange in Mount Pleasant. Ground has been purchased on Columbia road, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets, adjoining Mount Pleasant Congregational Church, and the erection of a three-story building, similar to the other exchange structures, will be begun shortly. It is the intention to have the building completed, the plant installed, and the exchange in operation by the end of the coming year.

## WILL TEST PERSONAL BONDS

## Commissioners Plan to Declare Practice Unconstitutional.

Insist that it Results in a Large Number of Prosecutions Ending Ineffectively.

The practice of taking personal bonds by the police magistrates will be made the subject of a test case in the Court of Appeals. If it is sustained, the Commissioners will ask Congress, as they did in 1896, to prohibit the custom.

This decision was reached by the Commissioners as the result of a conference with Judges L. G. Kimball and A. R. Mulhoney. Both Judge Kimball and Judge Mulhoney are opposed to the proposed action, believing that the practice will be sustained.

The Commissioners insist that a large number of the prosecutions brought by the police, the health, and other departments of the District government, were ineffectively ended by the taking of personal bonds for an indefinite time, instead of a permanent abatement of conviction.

In opposition to this, the judges said that the number was not so large as had been supposed, there being only 1,480 cases out of 17,028 from November 1, 1905, to October 31, 1906. This indefinite suspension of sentence, they said, was justifiable in every instance. Such action, they alleged, was necessary in order to temper justice with mercy, it having been found that it did not have an encouraging effect upon lawbreakers.

The judges made no point on the question of permitting the assistant corporation counsel to accept or recommend collateral as a means of disposing of cases where guilt is admitted, but they supported Judge Kimball's letter to the Commissioners, in which he said the corporation counsel should be permitted his latitude in presenting cases to the court.

## RED CROSS MEETING OPENS.

## Convention Will Begin in Memorial Hall To-day.

The second annual meeting of the American National Red Cross Society will open at 10 o'clock this morning in the Gardner Hubbard Memorial Hall, at sixteenth and M streets. At 2:30 o'clock this afternoon the members will be received by President Roosevelt.

Dr. Edward T. Devine will address the convention this afternoon on the relief work in San Francisco. The speaking will be open to the public, beginning at 4:30 o'clock. This evening the society will be given a reception by Miss Boardman at her home, 1801 P street, which will bring the meeting to a close.

## Will Serve Lunch To-day.

Owing to the failure to receive supplies, donated and purchased, in time for the ladies of St. Margaret's P. E. Church were unable to supply every one holding tickets for luncheon at Masonic Temple yesterday. Ample supplies have been ordered for to-day's luncheon, but should anything unavoidable occur in their delivery, luncheon tickets will be honored at face value at any booth, or the money will be refunded.

## To Tell What Retards Schools.

The fourth lecture in the course of the public-school series will be given this evening at the M Street High School. The speaker will be Dr. L. R. Klemm, who will take for his subject, "What Retards the Progress in Schools." The lecture will be of especial interest to teachers and others interested in educational methods.

## Sculptor to Talk on Sociology.

"Practical Men and the Ways of Dreamers" will be the subject of Frank Stephens, of Philadelphia, this evening at Carroll Institute, the occasion being the second of a series of Georgian lectures. These lectures are being held under the auspices of the Central Labor Union. Mr. Stephens was educated as a sculptor, and later took up the social and economic questions. The committee in charge of the lectures is composed of J. L. Feeney, Clarence E. McClure, and J. M. Barrett.

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## WHAT THE CITY NEEDS

## District Fathers Make Their Report to Congress.

## THEY ASK A NEW CONDUIT

## Necessity for Equitable Legislation Providing for Adjustment of Municipal Expenditures Between the United States and the District is Pointed Out by Commissioners.

The District Commissioners will send to the Senate and House to-day their annual report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1906. The plan adopted five years ago of recommending by estimate for extraordinary projects of improvement calling for extraordinary expenditures and those of current and regular character is adhered to.

In the estimates the Commissioners recommend for extraordinary projects of improvement \$1,855,807, the items comprising, District Building, \$550,000; high pressure fire protection service, \$750,000; suburban sewers, \$600,000; municipal hospital for chronic cases, \$100,000; railway terminal work, \$50,000.

The receipts from all sources were \$2,650,170, as follows: Cash balances July 1, 1905, \$412,964; taxes and other general revenues, \$5,094,744; trust and special fund collections, \$55,256; loan advances to the District of Columbia by the United States under the act of March 2, 1906, \$646,428; United States payments from appropriations under act of June 11, 1878, \$6,621,576.

The expenditures were as follows: From District of Columbia appropriations, \$1,437,633; from District of Columbia special and trust funds, \$664,077.

The unexpended balances of cash advances to disbursing officer and of trust and special funds, June 30, 1906, were as follows: To credit of disbursing officer, District of Columbia, \$155,247; to credit of special disbursing agent, municipal building construction, \$5,854; to credit of special disbursing agent, board of control, Rock Creek Park, \$1,055; to credit of trust and special funds, \$195,881, making a total of \$2,712,641.

This exhibit shows a large expenditure for objects not connected with the ordinary current conduct of the District government, the principal of which are payments on account of trust funds, amounting to \$864,077, and expenditures on account of public works of extraordinary character and magnitude, as follows:

Elimination grade crossings in connection with Union Station, including purchase of the railroad right-of-way, \$1,200,000; changes in grade of streets, \$417,536; Connecticut avenue bridge over Rock Creek, \$312,728; bridge over Anacostia River, \$312,638; sewage disposal system, \$200,000; the railroad right-of-way, \$1,200,000; the railroad right-of-way, \$1,200,000; the railroad right-of-way, \$1,200,000.

These amounts, namely, \$864,077 and \$2,712,641, are deducted from the total of \$2,650,170, and the balance of \$1,855,807, the remainder, \$7,967,353.46, will represent the cost of conducting the ordinary current operations of the District government for the year.

The funded debt of the District June 30, 1906, incurred under the local government prior to July 1, 1878, was \$11,587,700.

The unfunded debt due the United States, arising from loan advances made by the United States, was \$2,831,259, making the total funded and unfunded debt June 30, 1906, \$14,418,959.

The District has a further matured liability of \$1,000,000, payable to the contractor of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, to meet the District's half of \$1,000,000 required to be paid by the railroad company for the terminal improvement under section 8 of an act of February 12, 1901.

## General Assessment and Tax Rate.

The taxable real and personal property in the District of Columbia for the fiscal year, "based upon a valuation of all real estate," "not less than two-thirds of the true value thereof, and of a valuation of the personal property at a fair cost value over and above the exemptions" provided by law, are real property, taxable at the rate of \$1.50 per \$100, \$23,461,856; personal property, taxable at the rate of \$1.50 per \$100, \$18,886,066; building associations, gross earnings of, at 2 per cent, \$73,913; electric lighting and telephone companies, and incorporated savings banks, gross earnings of, at 4 per cent, \$1,581,004; gas light companies, gross earnings of, at 5 per cent, \$1,573,794; national banks, and all other incorporated trust and loan companies, gross earnings of, at 6 per cent, \$2,729,364; street railroad companies, gross receipts of, at 4 per cent, \$3,526,713, making a total of \$38,131,257.

## Financial Readjustment Urged.

As to estimates for expenditures, the Commissioners say:

"The estimate for the year 1907, as presented by Congress, is an extraordinary one, and the subjects of improvement regarded as necessary by Congress and the community or crippling the regular municipal services to keep the estimates within the amount of the appropriation fund. Here, as elsewhere, extraordinary projects of improvement must be considered separately, and the cost of them treated differently from that of current expenditures. The Commissioners have recommended from year to year that Congress should make provision for the District's share of the cost of the extraordinary improvements, so as to provide for advances from the Treasury on that account, to be repaid gradually in reasonable installments for the interest, the whole transaction to be treated as a loan from the national government, to its partner, the District government, to be carried separately on the books of the United States Treasury as a capital account, the authorization of extraordinary improvements, the appropriation of every dollar necessary for them, and the custody and control of the District revenues would, under this plan, continue exclusively in the new Union Station, and the national government would be no more the national government in its adoption, it would provide a permanent businesslike settlement of what, as it stands, requires annual legislation necessarily of an unsatisfactory kind."

The District taxpayers, who are already taxed, and are paying their taxes fairly, are misrepresented by a situation for which they are not responsible, so as to seem unable or unwilling to provide the share of the cost of new Union Station, to electric motors; that the Washington aqueduct and filtration plant be transferred from the War Department to the District Commissioners; the passage of a law limiting the height of buildings along Sixteenth street, and the development of that street as a great boulevard; the establishment of a municipal asphalt plant to secure independence from the asphalt monopoly; the child labor law; the playground project; the branch library bill; the registration of nurse bill; the better registration of births bill; the regulation of so-called assessment life insurance, and several measures for better dealing with contagious diseases, including the registration of tuberculosis cases; also a better provision of inspectors to enforce the health and sanitary laws.

## Playgrounds and Libraries.

The Commissioners ask for the acquisition of permanent playground sites. During the past summer two of the temporary public playgrounds were taken by the owners for other purposes, one of them after it had been fitted up for the summer's work. The Commissioners recommend an appropriation of \$100,000 for this purpose for the next fiscal year, together with \$15,000 for the preparation of sites that may be acquired.

In regard to the public library, the Commissioners say: "The demands made upon the settlement stations plainly show the need for building the branch libraries offered by Mr. Andrew Carnegie. Favorable action by the House is recommended on the House bill No. 20065, enacted by the Senate on June 18, 1906, authorizing the erection of a branch library building at Tacoma Park, with a part of the money offered by Mr. Carnegie."

## Sidewalks and Sewers.

During the year \$220,000 was spent in laying sidewalks and paving alleys. The cost of cement sidewalks has increased from 50 cents per square yard to \$1.13, owing to the enforcement of the eight-hour law and higher cost of cement, and living expenses. There were set out in the District last year 3,222 shade trees in the city \$326.

The total length of main and pipe sewers constructed during the year was about 15 1/2 miles. The total length of sewers in the District June 30, 1906, was 84,535 miles, and the total cost of the sewer system at the close of the fiscal year was \$14,327,845.

## Building Improvements.

The value of buildings constructed during the year, not including buildings of the United States government and the District of Columbia, is \$17,780,201, a decrease from the value during 1905 of \$670,649. The number of new buildings was 1,434, a decrease of 114 over the previous year. There were 53 new apartments in the year at \$29 p. m. Two hundred and eighty-seven business buildings were erected during the year.

## Plumbing and Plumbing Inspection.

During the year, the plumbing office made 20,135 inspections, an increase of 2,848 over the preceding year.

The following streets were authorized to be extended during the fiscal year 1906: M Street, east of Bladensburg road; T Street, east of Bladensburg road and Prescott street; Kalamazoo road and Prescott place, joining; Rittenhouse, west of Broad Branch road; Nineteenth, Woodley road to Blittmore street; and Kalamazoo road through Little estate.

The appropriation of \$50,000 for the conversion of various inhabited alley into minor streets, is being expended under the direction of a committee composed of major and superintendent of police, the secretary of the Board of Charities, and the surveyor of the District of Columbia, to convert such alleys into minor streets.

## New Conduit Demanded.

About 114 miles of water mains were added to the water distribution system during the year. The total mileage of mains is 62.

Thirty-eight new fire hydrants, 3 public hydrants, and 4 horse fountains were erected. There are 2,258 fire hydrants, 26 public hydrants, and 106 horse fountains now in use.

The Commissioners invite attention to the necessity of furnishing an additional water supply by means of another conduit from Great Falls to the city. The present conduit, on account of its age, is not in good condition. If any accident should happen to it, the water supply of the District would be cut off until repairs could be made.

The ultimate capacity of the conduit is about 50,000,000 gallons per day, and the average daily consumption is more than 50,000,000 gallons. During the cold winter season of last year, the consumption reached 106,000,000 gallons for a few days, resulting in lowering the water level in the reservoirs to a feet.

The Commissioners do not desire to create unnecessary alarm, but we think a new conduit should be built at once.

## BUYS CHEVY CHASE TRACT.

Fulton R. Gordon Acquires Thirty Acres in Residence Suburb.

Charles C. Glover and wife, yesterday conveyed to Fulton R. Gordon a tract of land at Connecticut avenue and Belt road, in Chevy Chase, comprising thirty acres in two lots. The deed contains the proviso that no dwelling costing less than \$5,000 may be erected on the property.

Fulton R. Gordon and his wife have placed a deed of trust on record securing the American Security and Trust Company on this land for \$82,811 at 4 per cent interest to cover this indebtedness to Charles C. Glover.

J. Maury Dove and wife have given a deed of trust to Arthur T. Brice and William J. Flattner on lot 29 and part of lot 30 in square northeast corner I and Twenty-second streets; lot I and R in square 141; lot 124 in square 153, and lot 61 in square 153. The deed is to secure ten promissory notes of \$5,000 each by Mr. Dove to John M. Jones at 5 per cent interest.

## Samuel Cross' Will Filled.

Executed in his own handwriting, with the request that this fact be published, the will of Samuel Cross, late secretary of the Washington Safe Deposit Company, was filed for probate yesterday. The instrument bears the date, January 15, 1885. J. Holdsworth Gordon is named as executor, and the will provides that the estate be distributed in accordance with the laws of the District.

## Improvement Is Delayed.

A committee of citizens representing the East Washington Citizens' Association, yesterday called upon Engineer Commissioner Biddle, and entered a protest against the proposed discontinuance of the public improvements along Georgia avenue, between thirteenth and fifteenth streets southeast. The committee was informed by Commissioner Biddle that the work has only been discontinued temporarily.

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Public Library—Open 10 a. m. to 10 p. m. in winter; 10 a. m. to 9 p. m. in summer; holidays, usual hours; Sundays, 2 to 3 p. m.

Executive Mansion—Open 10 a. m. to 2 p. m.